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| TOPIC <u>Finsterwalde Airfield</u> |                         |  |
| EVALUATION                         | PLACE OBTAINED          |  |
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| REMARKS <u>This is UNEVALUATED</u> |                         |  |
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1. The following air activity was observed at Finsterwalde airfield between 6 and 15 July 1954:

6 July. Eight MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s with long cabins, probably two seaters, were counted on the dispersal area north of the eastern end of the runway. About 0900, 8 MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s started in rapid succession to the take-off point at the western edge of the field and individually took off at intervals of about 1 minute. The aircraft made flights of 8 to 10 minutes duration in the vicinity of the field and at altitudes of between 500 and 600 meters. Air activity was discontinued at about 1800.

7 July. Ten MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s were observed on the dispersal area. These aircraft practiced flying between 0900 and 1900. They took off and landed individually and at irregular intervals and made flights of 10 to 15 minutes duration while some of the aircraft disappeared from view.

8 to 13 July. No air activity was conducted because of unfavorable weather.

14 July. After 1900, 5 MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s made individual flights of about 4 minutes duration at altitudes of between 300 and 400 meters. The landing gear was repeatedly not retracted during the flight.

15 July. Air activity was started by 3 MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s at about 1400. The aircraft disappeared from view heading north at an altitude of 700 to 800 meters. They returned to the field after about 15 minutes.

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Comment. Pilots of the ground attack division in Alt Luedersdorf still conduct re-training with MiG-15s at Finsterwalde airfield.

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